Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In the case of Dr. Poduval he went to Europe for higher studies. But in this case he is going to Madras.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it not a fact that this gentleman has an idea to go to England after finishing his course in Madras?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The present study leave is for 2 years and it is to qualify himself for M. B.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it not for 2 years and 3 months?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is for 2 years' study leave and 3½ months privilege leave.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not that for going to England?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—But for his passing his M.B. he may take more than 2 years.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not the custom in your department to give extensions? Are there not instances of men over the age of 60 who were given extensions? Most probably he was expecting an extension after the age of pension.

Mrs. Swaris.—Do you not know that age is a matter of feeling and not of years?

President.—It is a matter of opinion. Question time is over.

Enhancement of salary of the Government Advocate.

398. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government Advocate has requested Government either for an increase in his salary or for the grant of his maximum salary;

(b) whether his request, if any, was allowed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, for the grant of the maximum pay.

(b) The question is proposed to be taken up for consideration at the time of framing the budget for 1109.

Pattancheri Village—Bathing arrangement.

399. Mr. K. C. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the caste-Hindus of Pattancheri have any public tank for bathing purposes;

(b) whether the present tank owned by private persons has got sufficient supply of water for the use of the public;

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(c) whether the public are not inconvenienced a good deal for want of proper arrangements for this purpose?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) No. There is no water scarcity in the place.

Pattancheri Itinerary Dispensary.

400. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the present arrangement for medical relief for the public of Pattancheri satisfies their requirements;

(b) whether it is not more convenient to shift the Nanniode dispensary to Pattancheri and have an itinerary one at Nanniode.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes, to a great extent.

(b) No. Nanniode is centrally located between Pattancheri and Meenakshipuram. The Medical Officer at Nanniode attends to the other two places twice a week.

Anchal office, Pattancheri.

401. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any anchal office at Pattancheri;

(b) whether any representations were made to the Government for locating an anchal office there;

(c) are there not about 1,600 houses in and around Pattancheri requiring the services of an anchal office;

(d) whether the Government propose to have an anchal office at Pattancheri in the near future at least?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Yes; but the proposal was dropped since there was none to execute the necessary kychit to make good the loss, if any, in the working of the proposed office.

(c) In Pattancheri there are 1,422 houses. But figures show that there is little demand for a separate anchal office there.

(d) No. The anchal office at Nanniode serves the area without difficulty.

Pattancheri Road Communication.

402. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether the roads known as Pattancheri alias Mangot patha and the road on the northern side of the northern tank at Pattancheri and the road at Karipali at Pattancheri are in good condition now?

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